

# **VA MISSION TELEHEALTH CLARIFICATION ACT**

Introduced by Senators Kelly Loeffler (R-GA) and Kyrsten Sinema (D-AZ)

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The VA MISSION Act made considerable reforms to the way in which veterans receive care, including expanding the ability of the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) to provide care to veterans across state lines through the use of telehealth. However, the law as it currently stands inadvertently prevents VA health care trainees from effectively training on and utilizing telehealth equipment. The VA Mission Telehealth Clarification Act aims to address this issue and expand the number of VA health professionals that can participate in telehealth under the law.

Specifically, the bill would allow VA trainees and post-graduate health care employees to use telehealth systems under the clinical supervision of a qualified health care professional. It would also allow VA health care employees who meet VA qualifications specified under 38 U.S.C. 7402(b), but whose professions may not require state licensure, to participate in telehealth.

As communities across the country continue to combat COVID-19 and the demand for telehealth rises, it is more important than ever that we maximize the VA's capacity to provide safe and effective care to our nation's veterans through telehealth.